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(2) Prelim. Amendment in RCE
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS (COMPLIANT)

Please add NEW claims 29-30 as follows.

Claims 14 and 19 were previously amended in a Reply to Final Office Action (dated 9/5/2005), but remain un-entered by Examiner's Advisory Action (dated 9/23/2005).

Claims 1-13: (Previously Canceled)

14. (Previously Amended) A method for using a server to provide targeted impression to an Internet client, the Internet client accessing the Internet through a wireless network and the server, the server being configured to have access to a profile database storing profile information regarding the Internet client, comprising:

connecting the Internet client to the server through the wireless network to commence a server/client session, said Internet client having a real-time location as detected by a GPS receiver coupled to the Internet client;

generating an identifier to describe the Internet client for said server/client session for communicating between said server and a plurality of impression providers, said impression providers having areas of interest in a predetermined geographical area;

said server retrieving said profile information regarding the Internet client from the profile database;

said server selecting from said plurality of impression providers those with areas of interest in geographical proximity to said Internet client's real-time location;

said server forwarding said Internet client's real-time location, the profile information and said identifier to said plurality of impression providers for said impression providers to determine their bids, based on their own criteria, in real-time, wherein each of said bids includes a bid value and a non-teaser impression;

said server receiving at least one bid value from a plurality of impression providers for a right to make at least one impression to the Internet client;

said server selecting a highest bid value on its own;

said server automatically transmitting the impression, without the corresponding bid value, corresponding to said highest bid value from one of said impression providers to the Internet client;

upon receiving the impression, the impression, without the corresponding bid value, is automatically displayed by the Internet client.

15. (Previously Amended) The method of claim 14, further comprising a step of filtering at least a subset of the client's profile information based on predetermined criteria during the step of retrieval.

16. (Previously Amended) The method of claim 14, wherein said profile information retrieved comprises other pre-established geographical information of the Internet client.

17. (previously added) The method according to claim 15, wherein said predetermined criteria are specified by the impression providers.

18. (previously added) The method according to claim 15, wherein the predetermined criteria are specified by the Internet client.

19. (Previously Amended) A method for using a server to provide targeted impression to an Internet client, the Internet client accessing the Internet through a wireless network and the server, the server being configured to have access to a profile database storing profile information regarding the Internet client, comprising:

connecting the Internet client to the server through the wireless network to commence a server/client session, said Internet client having a real-time location as detected by a GPS receiver coupled to the Internet client;

said server generating an identifier to specify the Internet client for said server/client session for communicating with a plurality of impression providers without having to reveal said Internet client to said impression providers, said impression providers having interest in Internet clients within a predetermined geographical area;

said server retrieving from said profile database profile information regarding the Internet client;

said server selecting from said plurality of impression providers those with areas of interest in geographical proximity to the Internet client's real-time location;

said server determining whether at least a subset of the Internet client's profile information is already reserved by a predetermined impression provider, and if so, automatically forwarding the provider's non-teaser impression to the Internet client;

and if not reserved, said server forwarding the Internet client's real-time location, the profile information and said identifier to a plurality of impression providers, said impression providers deciding their bids, based on their own criteria in real-time, wherein each of said bids includes a bid value and a non-teaser impression;

said server receiving at least one bid from a plurality of impression providers for a right to make at least one impression to the Internet client;

said server automatically selecting a highest bid value on its own;

said server automatically transmitting, without the bid value, the non-teaser impression corresponding to the highest bid value to the Internet client;

upon receiving said impression without the corresponding bid value, automatically displaying said impression, without the corresponding bid amount, at the Internet client.

20. (previously amended) The method according to claim 19, wherein the information retrieved from the profile database comprises other pre-established geographical location of said Internet client.

21. (previously added) The method according to claim 19, further comprising:
the server monitoring the Internet client's response to the impression;
the server modifying the profile database for the Internet client based on the Internet client's response to the impression.

22. (previously added) The method according to claim 19, further comprising:
the server caching impressions supplied by a plurality of impression providers;
the server automatically transmitting one of the impressions to the Internet client upon a successful bidding by one of the impression providers.

23. (previously added) The method according to claim 19, further comprising:
the server caching impressions supplied by a plurality of impression providers;
the server also caching standing bids reserved by the impression providers, the standing bids being reviewed when the retrieved user profile for the Internet client matches a predetermined set of criteria;
the server determining which one of the standing bids is to be invoked;
the server automatically transmitting one of the cached impressions to the Internet client upon the standing bid.
24. (previously amended) The method of claim 15, wherein said profile information retrieved comprises pre-established geographical information of the Internet client.
25. (previously amended) The method of claim 23, wherein:
said cached standing bids have at least one of expiration dates or limits on number of allowable re-use.
26. (previously amended) The method of claim 23, wherein:
said cached impressions have at least one of expiration dates or limits on number of allowable re-use.
27. (Previously Added) The method of claim 14, further comprising:
said server also transmitting directional guidance in connection with said impression to said Internet client.
28. (Previously Added) The method of claim 19, further comprising:
said server also transmitting directional guidance in connection with said impression to said Internet client.

29. (New) A method for using a server to provide targeted impression to an mobile Internet client, the Internet client accessing the Internet through a wireless network and the server, the server being configured to have access to a profile database storing profile information regarding the Internet client, comprising:

connecting the Internet client to the server through the wireless network to commence a server/client session, said Internet client having a real-time location as detected by a GPS receiver coupled to the Internet client;

generating an identifier to describe the Internet client for said server/client session for communicating between said server and a plurality of impression providers, said impression providers having areas of interest in a predetermined geographical area;

said server retrieving said profile information regarding the Internet client from the profile database;

said server selecting from said plurality of impression providers those with areas of interest in geographical proximity to said Internet client's real-time location;

said server forwarding said Internet client's real-time location, the profile information and said identifier to said plurality of impression providers for said impression providers to send back their bid packets, based on their own criteria, in real-time, wherein each of said bid packets specifies a cost to be debited from each of said impression providers;

said server receiving at least one bid packet from a plurality of impression providers for a right to make at least one impression to the Internet client;

said server selecting a winning cost on its own;

said server automatically transmitting the impression, without the corresponding cost, from said winning cost of one of said impression providers to the Internet client;

upon receiving the impression, the impression, without the corresponding cost, is automatically displayed by the Internet client.

30. (New) The method of claim 29, further comprising a step of filtering at least a subset of the client's profile information based on predetermined criteria during the step of retrieval, wherein said profile information retrieved comprises other pre-established geographical information of the Internet client.